

D. REMARKS

This amendment has been timely filed within the time limits for reply under the Certificate of Mailing procedure established by 37 C.F.R. § 1.8. Care has been taken to comply with the latest amendment form requirements resulting from changes to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, March, 2003. The \$200.00 fee for added independent claims (i.e., 2 in excess of the 3 already paid for) is enclosed.

In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that claims 2-4, 6 and 8 would be allowed if rewritten in independent with all limitations from intervening claims included. This amendment substantially implements the Examiners points.

For example, Claim 1 (Currently Amended) has been amended to correct the § 112 problem regarding the "drum shaped housing." Further, the bearing means limitation of claim 2 has been added.

Claim 2 has therefore been cancelled. It's contents have been added to rewritten independent claim 1.

Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent claim to add the contents of original claim 1. It should be allowable in accordance with the Examiners office action comments.

Claim 4 has also been rewritten in independent claim to add the contents of original claim 1. It should also be allowable for the reasons expressed above.

Claims 5 has been amended to include the limitations of original claims 1 and 6. Claim 6 is cancelled. Claim 5 is now independent. It should be allowable, since, according to the office action, claim 6 would have been allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all intervening limitations.

Claim 6 has been cancelled as mentioned above.

Claim 7 has been amended to depend from allowable independent claim 5. It is felt that its limitations to an already allowable claim render it allowable.

Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent claim to add the contents of original claim 1. It should be allowable in accordance with the Examiners office action comments.

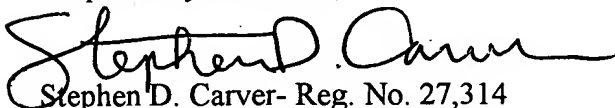
Claim 9 is new, and adds limitations expressed in claim 7 to the allowable amended claim 8.

Since after this amendment claims 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8 are all independent, an additional \$200.00 fee for two added independent claims (over the three previously paid for) is enclosed. No new fees are necessitated by the addition of dependent claim 9, as the total claims are still below 20 in number

If any issues remain to be resolved, Applicant's counsel would prefer to resolve them either via email or through a mutually convenient telephone conference.

Concluding, this case should be in condition for allowance, and a timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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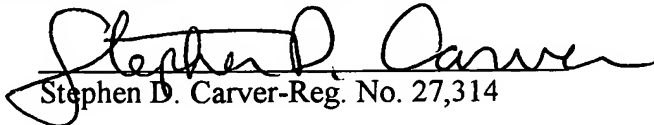
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Enclosures: Small entity Fee for 2 added independent claims

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. §1.8)

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the foregoing Amendment and all appurtenant enclosures, including the fee check, is/are being deposited with the United States postal service, first class postage pre-paid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450 on September 30, 2005.



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